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Law enforcement agencies, highway safety organizations receive federal funding

Money improves highway safety in local communities

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) has awarded over \$4.7 million to law enforcement agencies and highway safety organizations across the commonwealth to help bolster safety enforcement and education in local communities. The federally funded grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are administered by the KOHS, which is part of the Transportation Cabinet.

“Law enforcement activities, combined with highway safety programs, are critical in the effort to keep Kentucky highways safe,” said Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. “These grants will help provide needed resources to improve safety in local communities across Kentucky.”

More than \$2.9 million was awarded to 109 law enforcement agencies for overtime enforcement and equipment. More than \$1.8 million was also awarded to 15 organizations involved with highway safety for various educational programs, equipment and training.

Forty-eight fewer lives have been lost so far in 2011 on Kentucky highways, compared with the same time period in 2010.

Of the 760 people killed on highways last year, 598 were in motor vehicles. Of those killed, 62.5 percent were not buckled up and 20 percent of fatalities involved alcohol. Motorcyclists accounted for 78 fatalities, with 57.7 percent not wearing helmets and 15.4 percent of fatal motorcycle crashes involving alcohol.

Total Highway Fatalities:

2000	823
2001	843
2002	915
2003	931
2004	964
2005	985
2006	913
2007	864
2008	826
2009	791
2010	760

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